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8	STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2016-14	
11	ROSE TERMITE, INC., YESENIA LOPEZ, PRESIDENT, DELORES ANGEL CHAVEZ, PRESIDENT		
12	4365 Lowell Street, Unit G Ontario, CA 91761	ACCUSATION	
13	Company Registration No. PR 6992, Branches		
14	2 & 3		
15	BILL GERARD MARSH		
16	219 S. New Ave. #13A Monterey Park, CA 91755		
17	Operator's License No. OPR 11121,		
18	JUAN NOE ROMERO		
19	8000 Olive Drive Bakersfield, CA 93308		
20	Operator License No. OPR 12462,		
21	and		
22	DONALD LYNN ARCHIE II		
23	3741 Merced Drive, Suite F Riverside, CA 92503		
24	Field Representative No. FR 36431		
25	Respondents.		
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PARTIES

- 1. Complainant Susan Saylor brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Registrar and Executive Officer of the Structural Pest Control Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.
- 2. On March 19, 2014, the Structural Pest Control Board issued Company Registration Number PR 6992 in Branches 2 and 3 to Rose Termite, Inc. At that time, the company's president and sole shareholder was Yesenia Lopez and its qualifying manager was Bill Gerard Marsh, who is also named in this action. On September 5, 2014, Mr. Marsh disassociated as the company's qualifying manager. On December 9, 2014, Juan Noe Romero, who is also named in this action, became the company's qualifying manager. Also on that day, Delores A. Chavez became the company's president and sole shareholder. On January 30, 2015, Mr. Romero disassociated as the company's qualifying manager. On February 10, 2015 the Board suspended the Company Registration for failing to have a qualifying manager. On May 22, 2015, the Board cancelled the Company Registration per the written request of Delores A. Chavez. Nevertheless, the Company Registration was in force at all times relevant to this Accusation's charges.
- 3. On June 9, 2005, the Board issued Operator's License Number OPR 11121 to Bill Gerard Marsh. The license was in effect at all times alleged in this Accusation and will expire on June 30, 2016 unless renewed.
- 4. On December 20, 2012, the Structural Pest Control Board issued Operator License Number OPR 12462 to Juan Noe Romero. The license was in effect at all times alleged in this Accusation, but it expired on June 30, 2015 and has not been renewed.
- 5. On September 17, 2003, the Structural Pest Control Board issued Field Representative Number FR 36431 to Donald Lynn Archie II. The license was in effect at all times alleged in this Accusation, but it expired on June 30, 2015 and has not been renewed.

JURISDICTION

6. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

- 7. Section 8620 authorizes the Board to discipline licensees.
- 8. Section 8625 grants the Board jurisdiction to initiate and proceed with discipline against a suspended or expired license.

SCOPE OF DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY

9. Section 8624 in relevant part provides for vicarious liability for qualifying managers:

"If the board suspends or revokes an operator's license and one or more branch offices are registered under the name of the operator, the suspension or revocation may be applied to each branch office.

If the operator is the qualifying manager, a partner, responsible officer, or owner of a registered structural pest control company, the suspension or revocation may be applied to the company registration.

The performance by any partnership, corporation, firm, association, or registered company of any act or omission constituting a cause for disciplinary action, likewise constitutes a cause for disciplinary action against any licensee who, at the time the act or omission occurred, was the qualifying manager, a partner, responsible officer, or owner of the partnership, corporation, firm, association, or registered company whether or not he or she had knowledge of, or participated in, the prohibited act or omission."

10. Section 8654 provides that if discipline is imposed on a company registration, it may also be imposed if a company's officers, qualifying managers, directors, or associates if they knew of or participated in the prohibited acts:

"Any individual who has been denied a license for any of the reasons specified in Section 8568, or who has had his or her license revoked, or whose license is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a member, officer, director, associate, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a company registration has been denied for any of the reasons specified in Section 8568, or whose company registration has been revoked as a result of disciplinary action, or whose company registration is under suspension, and while acting as such member, officer, director, associate, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee had knowledge of or participated in any of the prohibited acts for which the license or registration was denied, suspended or revoked, shall be prohibited from serving as an officer, director, associate, partner, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee of a registered company, and the employment, election or association of such person by a registered company is a ground for disciplinary action."

STATUTES

11. In pertinent part, section 8516(b) and its subdivisions, which follow in separate paragraphs, provide requirements for inspections relating to wood destroying pests or organisms:

"No registered company or licensee shall commence work on a contract, or sign, issue, or deliver any documents expressing an opinion or statement relating to the absence or presence of wood destroying pests or organisms until an inspection has

been made by a licensed Branch 3 field representative or operator. The address of each property inspected or upon which work is completed shall be reported on a form prescribed by the board and shall be filed with the board no later than 10 business days after the commencement of an inspection or upon completed work.

Every property inspected pursuant to this subdivision or Section 8518 shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to Section 8674.

Failure of a registered company to report and file with the board the address of any property inspected or work completed pursuant to Section 8518 or this section is grounds for disciplinary action and shall subject the registered company to a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

A written inspection report conforming to this section and on a form approved by the board shall be prepared and delivered to the person requesting the inspection or to the person's designated agent within 10 business days of the inspection, except that an inspection report prepared for use by an attorney for litigation purposes is not required to be reported to the board. The report shall be delivered before work is commenced on any property. The registered company shall retain for three years all original inspection reports, field notes, and activity forms.

Reports shall be made available for inspection and reproduction to the executive officer of the board or his or her duly authorized representative during business hours. Original inspection reports or copies thereof shall be submitted to the board upon request within two business days."

- 12. Section 8516, subdivision (b)(1) provides in pertinent part that an inspection report shall include the date of the inspection and the name of the licensed field representative or operator making the inspection.
- 13. Section 8516, subdivision (b)(2) provides in pertinent part, that an inspection report shall include the name and address of the person or firm ordering the report.
- 14. Section 8516, subdivision (b)(3) provides in pertinent part, that an inspection report shall include the name and address of any person who is a party in interest.
- 15. Section 8516, subdivision (b)(4) provides in pertinent part, that an inspection report shall include the address or location of the property.
- 16. Section 8516, subdivision (b)(6) provides in pertinent part, that an inspection report shall include a foundation diagram or sketch of the structure or structures or portions of the structure or structures inspected, indicating thereon the approximate location of any infested or infected areas evident, and the parts of the structure where conditions that would ordinarily subject those parts to attack by wood destroying pests or organisms exist.

- 17. Section 8516, subdivision (b)(7) provides in pertinent part, that an inspection report shall contain information regarding the substructure, foundation walls and footings, porches, patios and steps, air vents, abutments, attic spaces, roof framing that includes the eaves, rafters, fascias, exposed timbers, exposed sheathing, ceiling joists, and attic walls, or other parts subject to attack by wood destroying pests or organisms. Conditions usually deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection, such as earth-wood contacts, excessive cellulose debris, faulty grade levels, excessive moisture conditions, evidence of roof leaks, and insufficient ventilation are to be reported.
- 18. Section 8516, subdivision (b)(10) provides in pertinent part, that an inspection report shall contain recommendations for corrective measures.
 - 19. Section 8516, subdivision (c) provides in full:
 - "(c) At the time a report is ordered, the registered company or licensee shall inform the person or entity ordering the report, that a separated report is available pursuant to this subdivision. If a separated report is requested at the time the inspection report is ordered, the registered company or licensee shall separately identify on the report each recommendation for corrective measures as follows:
 - (1) The infestation or infection that is evident.
 - (2) The conditions that are present that are deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection.

If a registered company or licensee fails to inform as required by this subdivision and a dispute arises, or if any other dispute arises as to whether this subdivision has been complied with, a separated report shall be provided within 24 hours of the request but, in no event, later than the next business day, and at no additional cost."

- 20. Section 8518 requires companies to file notices of work completed:
- "(a) When a registered company completes work under a contract, it shall prepare, on a form prescribed by the board, a notice of work completed and not completed, and shall furnish that notice to the owner of the property or the owner's agent within 10 business days after completing the work. The notice shall include a statement of the cost of the completed work and estimated cost of work not completed.
- (b) The address of each property inspected or upon which work was completed shall be reported on a form prescribed by the board and shall be filed with the board no later than 10 business days after completed work.
- (c) A filing fee shall be assessed pursuant to Section 8674 for every property upon which work is completed.

if it is a sole proprietorship, the names of the partners, if it is a partnership, or the

names of its officers and shareholders with 10 percent or more ownership interest, if it is a corporation, and the address of the company's principal office in this state.

- "(b)(1) A company registration shall not be issued to an applicant that has an officer, director, qualifying manager, responsible managing employee, or an individual who otherwise exercises dominion or control over the company, whose license or registration is revoked or suspended at the time of the application as the result of disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter.
- "(2) A company registration shall not be issued to an applicant that has an officer, director, qualifying manager, responsible managing employee, or an individual who otherwise exercises dominion or control over the company, who owns or has owned in the past more than a 10 percent interest in another sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other organization that has its license or registration revoked or suspended at the time of the application as the result of disciplinary action pursuant to this chapter.
- "(c) Each registered company shall designate an individual or individuals who hold an operator's license to act as its qualifying manager or managers. The qualifying manager or managers must be licensed in each branch of pest control in which the company engages in business. The designated qualifying manager or managers shall supervise the daily business of the company and shall be available to supervise and assist all employees of the company, in accordance with regulations which the board may establish."
- 23. Section 8622 requires companies to bring properties' into compliance within 30 days of receiving notice from the Board of violations of these statutes or Board regulations:
 - "(a) When a complaint is accepted for investigation of a registered company, the board, through an authorized representative, may inspect any or all properties on which a report has been issued pursuant to Section 8516 or a notice of completion has been issued pursuant to Section 8518 by the registered company to determine compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations issued thereunder. If the board determines the property or properties are not in compliance, a notice shall be sent to the registered company so stating. The registered company shall have 30 days from the receipt of the notice to bring the property into compliance, unless an extension is authorized by the board, and it shall submit a new original report or completion notice or both and an inspection fee of not more than one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for each property inspected. If a subsequent reinspection is necessary, pursuant to the board's review of the new original report or notice or both, a commensurate reinspection fee shall also be charged. If the board's authorized representative makes no determination or determines the property is in compliance, no inspection fee shall be charged.
 - (b) The notice sent to the registered company shall inform the registered company that if it desires a hearing to contest the finding of noncompliance, the hearing shall be requested by written notice to the board within 20 days of receipt of the notice of noncompliance from the board. If a hearing is not requested pursuant to this section, payment of any assessment shall not constitute an admission of any noncompliance charged."
- 24. Section 8636 authorizes discipline for violating building codes: "Disregard and violation of the buildings laws of the state, or of any of its political subdivisions, or of the safety

laws, labor laws, health laws, or compensation insurance laws of the state relating to the practice of structural pest control is a ground for disciplinary action."

- 25. Section 8638 authorizes discipline for failing to complete operations for the contract price: "[f]ailure on the part of a registered company to complete any operation or construction repairs for the price stated in the contract for such operation or construction repairs or in any modification of such contract is a ground for disciplinary action."
- 26. Section 8641 authorizes discipline for failing to comply with Structural Pest Control Act and Board regulations, or for furnishing a report of inspection without actually making an inspection:

"Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter, or any rule or regulation adopted by the board, or the furnishing of a report of inspection without the making of a bona fide inspection of the premises for wood-destroying pests or organisms, or furnishing a notice of work completed prior to the completion of the work specified in the contract, is a ground for disciplinary action."

- 27. Section 8642 authorizes discipline for gross negligence or fraud: "[t]he commission of any grossly negligent or fraudulent act by the licensee as a pest control operator, field representative, or applicator or by a registered company is a ground for disciplinary action."
 - 28. Section 8644 authorizes discipline for fraud or misrepresentation after an inspection:

"Fraud or misrepresentation, after inspection, by any licensee or registered company engaged in pest control work of any infestation or infection of wood-destroying pests or organisms found in property or structures, or respecting any conditions of the structure that would ordinarily subject structures to attack by wood-destroying pests or organisms, whether or not a report was made pursuant to Sections 8516 and 8517 of this code, is a ground for disciplinary action."29.

30. Section 8652 authorizes discipline for failing to keep records and to make them available to Board representatives:

"Failure of a registered company to make and keep all inspection reports, field notes, contracts, documents, notices of work completed, and records, other than financial records, for a period of not less than three years after completion of any work or operation for the control of structural pests or organisms, is a ground for disciplinary action. These records shall be made available to the executive officer of the board or his or her duly authorized representative during business hours."

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31. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1937.14, sets the standard of care for structural pest control work:

"All work completed by licensees or registered companies shall be done within the specific requirements of any plans or specifications and shall meet accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike construction in any material respect, and shall comply with provisions of Section 2516(c)(1), (2), (4) and (6) of Title 24, California Code of Regulations."

- 32. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1990, sets requirements for reports:
- "(a) All reports shall be completed as prescribed by the board. Copies filed with the board shall be clear and legible. All reports must supply the information required by Section 8516 and the information regarding the pesticide or pesticides used as set forth in Section 8538, and shall contain or describe the following:
- (1) Structural pest control license number of the person making the inspection.
 - (2) Signature of the Branch 3 licensee who made the inspection.
 - (3) Infestations, infections or evidence thereof.
- (4) Wood members found to be damaged by wood destroying pests or organisms.
- (b) Conditions usually deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection include, but are not limited to:
- (1) Faulty Grade Level. A faulty grade level exists when the top of any foundation is even with or below the adjacent earth. The existing earth level shall be considered grade.
- (2) Inaccessible subareas or portions thereof and areas where there is less than 12 inches clear space between the bottom of the floor joists and the unimproved ground area.
- (3) Excessive Cellulose Debris. This is defined as any cellulose debris of a size that can be raked or larger. Stumps and wood imbedded in footings in earth contact shall be reported.
 - (4) Earth-wood contacts.
- (5) Commonly controllable moisture conditions which would foster the growth of a fungus infection materially damaging to woodwork.
- (c) When an infestation of carpenter ants or carpenter bees is found in a structure, control measures may be applied by companies holding a Branch 2 or Branch 3 registration certificate. If a Branch 3 licensee discovers an infestation or evidence of carpenter ant or carpenter bee infestation while performing an inspection pursuant to section 8516, he or she shall report his or her findings and make

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shall be made to correct the condition. Any method of controlling infestations arising from these conditions is considered adequate if the infestation is controlled.

- (4) Comply with the provisions of section 2516(c)(6.1) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (Effective July 1992).
- (5) Structural members which appear to be structurally weakened by wood-destroying pests to the point where they no longer serve their intended purpose shall be replaced or reinforced. Structural members which are structurally weakened by fungus to the point where they no longer serve their intended purpose shall be removed or, if feasible, may remain in place if another structural member is installed adjacent to it to perform the same function, if both members are dry (below 20% moisture content), and if the excessive moisture condition responsible for the fungus damage is corrected. Structural members which appear to have only surface fungus damage may be chemically treated and/or left as is if, in the opinion of the inspector, the structural member will continue to perform its originally intended function and if correcting the excessive moisture condition will stop the further expansion of the fungus.

COST RECOVERY AND RESTITUTION

- 34. Section 125.3 authorizes the Board to ask an administrative law judge to direct licensees found to have violated licensing acts to pay their case's reasonable investigation and enforcement costs.
- 35. Government Code section 11519(d) in pertinent part authorizes the Board to require restitution of damages suffered as a condition of probation in the event probation is ordered.

FACTUAL SUMMARY

FIRST OF THREE PROJECTS: VAN PELT AVENUE PROJECT

- 36. In April 2014, Rose Termite, Inc. through its Field Representative, Donald Lynn Archie II, performed a wood destroying pests and organisms inspection for a house on 1175 Van Pelt Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Archie then prepared a separate completed inspection report. The inspection report stated that Mr. Archie found wood destroying organisms, including subterranean termites and fungus/dryrot in the house.
- 37. The homeowner agreed to and did pay Rose Termite, Inc. \$1,445 to eliminate the wood destroying organisms as recommended in Mr. Archie's inspection report.
- 38. In May 2014, Rose Termite, Inc. and Mr. Archie issued a Standard Notice of Work Completed and Not Completed (Completion Notice) for the Van Pelt Avenue property certifying their work had been done and the property was "now free of evidence of active infestation or infection in the visible and accessible areas."

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qualifying manager beginning in March 2014, one month before the Van Pelt Avenue project began, he admitted he did not supervise that project in any way – he thought his association with the company began in May 2014. He described his interactions with Rose Termite, Inc. by saying, "[t]his is spooky shit."

- 42. After that meeting, Mr. Marsh promptly resigned as the qualifying manager, sending a letter to the Board stating this was "due to lack of cooperation" by the company.
- 43. Following Mr. Marsh's resignation, the Board suspended Rose Termite, Inc.'s registration for failing to have a qualifying manager.
- 44. In November 2014, the Board specialist received a series of emails and a letter from Rose Termite, Inc. pledging to correct the problems at the Van Pelt Avenue property. But these emails and letter were mysteriously unsigned whoever was sending them used email addresses like "service@rosetermite.com" and signed the emails and letters as "Rose Termite." At that time, the company did not have anyone serving as a qualifying manager.
- 45. That same month, the Board's specialist went to Rose Termite Inc.'s address of record, 337 North Vineyard Avenue, No. 507, Ontario, CA 91764, and found it to be fictitious: there was no Rose Termite, Inc. there indeed, there were no unit numbers above No. 401.
- 46. No one from Rose Termite, Inc. ever met with the Board specialist and the company did not fix the problems at the Van Pelt Avenue property discussed in the Report of Findings.
- 47. The Board specialist estimated it would cost the homeowner \$50,000 to correct the problems he found.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Complete Work)

(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh)

- 48. Respondent Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh are subject to disciplinary action under section 8638 because they failed to treat the subterranean termites in the Van Pelt Avenue property's substructure, although they contracted to do such treatment.
 - 49. Complainant realleges paragraphs 36 to 47 and their subparagraphs.

- 50. Rose Termite, Inc.'s inspection report stated in Finding 1.A. that there was "[e]vidence of subterranean termite infestation." The report recommended that there be "Pressure 'ROD' treat, trench application or low pressure spot spray as necessary. Break accessible sub tubes."
- 51. The Board's specialist found no evidence that Rose Termite, Inc. complied with this recommendation and found that termites remained in the house's substructure.
- 52. The homeowner paid Rose Termite, Inc. \$335 for its purported work on the home's substructure.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Complete Work in a Quality and Workmanlike Manner)

(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh)

- 53. Respondent Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh are subject to disciplinary action under section 8638 in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1937.14 for failing to complete the work on the Van Pelt Avenue project in a quality and workmanlike manner.
 - 54. Complainant realleges paragraphs 36 to 47 and 50-52 and their subparagraphs.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Report of Findings within 30 Days)

(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh)

- 55. Respondent Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh subject to disciplinary action under sections 8622 and 8641 (failing to comply with Structural Pest Control Act) because they failed to comply with the Board's notice and Report of Findings of noncompliance within 30 days for the Van Pelt Avenue project.
 - 56. Complainant realleges paragraphs 36 to 47 and 50-52 and their subparagraphs.
- 57. Rose Termite, Inc. and Mr. Marsh received the Board's notice and Report of Findings on or about October 23, 2014 and did not correct the identified problems (since it did not have a qualified manager) or make any arrangements to have another licensed company correct the problems at the Van Pelt Avenue project within 30 days, or at all.

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FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Report Excessive Cellulose Debris)

(Against Donald Lynn Archie II)

- Respondent Donald Lynn Archie II is subject to disciplinary action under sections 58. 8516(b)(6) and 8516(b)(7) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1990(b)(3) and 1990(e) for failing to report the excessive cellulose debris in the substructure of the Van Pelt Avenue house when he prepared his wood destroying pests and organisms inspection report and his Completion Notice report.
 - 59. Complainant realleges paragraphs 36 to 40.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Report the Full Extent of Subterranean Termites and Termite Damage) (Against Donald Lynn Archie II)

- Respondent Donald Lynn Archie II is subject to disciplinary action under sections 60. 8516(b)(6) and 8516(b)(7) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1990(a)(3), 1990(a)(4), and 1990(e) for failing to report the full extent of the evidence of subterranean termites and termite damage in the substructure, entryway flooring, front door doorjambs, front bathroom doorjamb, and the front bathroom flooring of the Van Pelt Avenue house when he prepared his wood destroying pests and organisms inspection report and his Completion Notice report.
 - Complainant realleges paragraphs 36 to 40. 61.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Report Evidence of Drywood Termites and Termite Damage) (Against Donald Lynn Archie II)

Respondent Donald Lynn Archie II is subject to disciplinary action under sections 62. 8516(b)(6) and 8516(b)(7) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1990(a)(3) and 1990(e) for failing to report the full extent of the evidence of drywood termites and termite damage in the substructure, in the attic, and in the carport of the Van Pelt Avenue

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inaccessible when he prepared his wood destroying pests and organisms inspection report and his

Complainant realleges paragraphs 36 to 40.

ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Make Proper Finding and Recommendation)

(Against Donald Lynn Archie II)

- Respondent Donald Lynn Archie II is subject to disciplinary action under sections 8516(b)(6), 8516(b)(7), and 8516(b)(10) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1990(b)(5), 1990(e), and 1991(a)(5) for failing to identify the commonly controllable moisture condition responsible for the infections at the Van Pelt Avenue house and for making no recommendation to correct this condition when he prepared his wood destroying pests and organisms inspection report and his Completion Notice report.
 - Complainant realleges paragraphs 36 to 40.

TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud or Misrepresentation After Inspection)

(Against Donald Lynn Archie II)

- Respondent Donald Lynn Archie II is subject to disciplinary action under section 8644 for fraud or misrepresentation after inspection for claiming to have completed and remediated decay fungi damage at the boxed eaves on the southwestern, eastern, and northern sides of the Van Pelt Avenue house, when in fact, the company did not perform work in this area and Board's specialist did not find any evidence of decay fungi damage in this area.
 - Complainant realleges paragraphs 36 to 40.

FACTUAL SUMMARY

SECOND OF THREE PROJECTS: LATELY CIRCLE PROPERTY

In April 2014, Rose Termite, Inc. through its Field Representative, Donald Lynn Archie II, performed a wood destroying pests and organisms inspection for a house on 44073 Lately Circle in the City of Hemet in Riverside County. Mr. Archie then prepared a separate

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completed inspection report. The inspection report stated that Mr. Archie found fungus/dryrot in the house and he recommended the replacement of dry-rot-damaged wood.

- 75. The homeowner agreed to and did pay Rose Termite, Inc. \$598 to eliminate the wood destroying fungi by replacing the wood based on the recommendation in Mr. Archie's inspection report.
- 76. In late April 2014, Rose Termite, Inc. and Mr. Archie issued a Standard Notice of Work Completed and Not Completed (Completion Notice) for the Lately Circle property certifying their work had been done and the property was "now free of evidence of active infestation or infection in the visible and accessible areas."
- 77. In September 2014, a Board specialist inspected the house and found it still had fungus and decay fungi damage. He identified the following problems:
 - a. Fungus and decay fungi damage at the home's rear wood deck and staircase framing.
 - b. Substandard repair work completed at the rear wood deck and staircase framing.
 - c. Inaccessible areas at the rear wood deck framing.
- 78. In October 2014, the Board's specialist prepared a Report of Findings identifying 5 violations for Rose Termite, Inc.'s work at the Lately Circle property. The Board staff sent the report to Rose Termite, Inc., Mr. Archie, and Bill Gerard Marsh, Rose Termite, Inc.'s qualifying manager.
- 79. In October 2014, a Board specialist discussed the Report of Findings for the Lately Avenue property with Mr. Marsh, the qualifying manager, at the same time they discussed the Report of Findings for the Van Pelt Avenue property, as discussed above. As with the Van Pelt Avenue property, Mr. Marsh denied responsibility for Rose Termite Inc.'s work on the Lately Avenue project because he thought his work as the company's qualifying manager did not begin until May 2014, even though the company represented to the Board that he was its qualifying manager as of March 2014. Marsh admitted he did not supervise the company's work at the Lately Circle property.
- 80. After that meeting, Mr. Marsh promptly resigned as the qualifying manager, sending a letter to the Board stating this was "due to lack of cooperation" by the company.

- 81. Following Mr. Marsh's resignation, the Board suspended Rose Termite, Inc.'s registration for failing to have a qualifying manager.
- 82. The Board's specialist also determined that Rose Termite's Inc.'s on the Lately Circle property required a Riverside County building permit and a business license, neither of which Rose Termite, Inc. obtained.
- 83. As with the Van Pelt Avenue property, after the Board sent its Report of Findings to Rose Termite, Inc., it began receiving unsigned emails from the company pledging to correct the Lately Circle property's problems and requesting a meeting. But no meeting ever occurred and the company never corrected the problems.
- 84. The Board specialist estimated it would cost the homeowner \$3,800 to correct the problems he found.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Complete Work in a Quality and Workmanlike Manner)

(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh)

- 85. Respondent Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh are subject to disciplinary action under section 8638 in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1937.14 for failing to complete the work on the Lately Circle property in a quality and workmanlike manner because they failed to fully remediate the decay fungi damage on the home's rear wood deck, including its framing and staircase framing, and failed to properly install, support, and nail replacement wood members on the deck and its framing.
 - 86. Complainant realleges paragraphs 74 to 84 and their subparagraphs.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply With County Building Code Laws)

(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh)

87. Respondent Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh are subject to disciplinary action under section 8636 for failing to obtain a building permit from Riverside County for its work on the rear deck of the Lately Circle property, including the replacement of wood framing supporting the second story of the deck and its staircase.

1	88.	Complainant realleges paragraphs 74 to 84 and their subparagraphs.	
2		FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
3		(Failure to Comply with Report of Findings within 30 Days)	
4		(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh)	
5	89.	Respondent Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh are subject to disciplinary	
6	action under sections 8622 and 8641 because they failed to comply within 30 days with the		
7	Board's notice and Report of Findings of noncompliance for the Lately Circle project.		
8	90.	Complainant realleges paragraphs 74 to 84 and their subparagraphs.	
9	91.	Rose Termite, Inc. and Mr. Marsh received the Board's notice and Report of Findings	
10	on or abou	t October 17, 2014 and did not correct the identified problems (since it did not have a	
11	qualified n	nanager) or make any arrangements to have another licensed company correct the	
12	problems at the Lately Circle property within 30 days, or at all.		
13	SIXTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE		
14	(Failure to Make Records Available to Board)		
15	(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh)		
16	92.	Respondent Rose Termite, Inc. and Bill Gerard Marsh are subject to disciplinary	
17	action und	er section 8652 for failing to make records available to a Board specialist, a duly	
18	authorized	representative of the Board, during business hours, or at all, upon request.	
19	93.	Complainant realleges paragraphs 74 to 84 and their subparagraphs.	
20	94.	The Board specialist requested from Rose Termite Inc. its inspection report and	
21	completion	n notice for the Lately Circle property by email on November 18, 2014 and November	
22	20, 2014.	An unnamed company representative responded, promising to produce those records.	
23	But the company never produced them or made them available to the specialist.		
24	! !	SEVENTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
25	(Failure to Make Proper Finding and Recommendation)		
26	(Against Donald Lynn Archie II)		
27	95.	Respondent Donald Lynn Archie II is subject to disciplinary action under sections	
28	8516(b)(6), 8516(b)(7), and 8516(b)(10) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, titl	
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FACTUAL SUMMARY

THIRD OF THREE PROJECTS: WEST ALEXANDER AVENUE PROPERTY

- 101. The Board suspended Rose Termite, Inc.'s registration in September 2014 for failing to have a qualifying manager. At that time, the sole owner and President of the company was a woman named Yesenia Lopez.
- 102. In October 2014, a man purporting to act on behalf of Rose Termite, Inc. started texting with Juan Noe Romero, who holds Board-issued Operator License Number OPR 12462. In the texts, the man, who first said his name was "Edgar" and then said it was "Al" and then said it was "Edgar Alonzo", asked Mr. Romero if Rose Termite, Inc. could rent his license for \$900 a month. The man described himself as the husband of Dolores Chavez, who the man claimed was the owner of Rose Termite Inc. No mention was made in these texts of Yesenia Lopez, the registered owner of the company.
- 103. Mr. Romero entered into an agreement on November 1, 2014 with Dolores Chavez to agree to serve as Rose Termite, Inc.'s qualifying manager for \$900 a month for 24 months. At this time, Ms. Chavez had no ownership interest in and was not a director of the company.
- 104. After filing paperwork with the Board, on December 9, 2014, Mr. Romero became the company's qualifying manager.
- 105. On or about December 9, 2014, Rose Termite, Inc.'s sole ownership and presidency transferred from Yesenia Lopez, to Delores A. Chavez.
- 106. On or about, December 9, 2014, Rose Termite, Inc. also submitted proof of obtaining new general liability insurance.
- 107. As a result of Rose Termite, Inc.'s new insurance and new qualifying manager, on December 9, 2014 the Board ended the company's suspension.
- 108. On December 2, 2014, one week before its suspension ended, Rose Termite, Inc. through its Field Representative, Donald Lynn Archie II, performed a wood destroying pests and organisms inspection for a house on 388 West Alexander Avenue in the City of San Bernardino that was in escrow. Mr. Archie then prepared a separate completed inspection report. The inspection report stated that Mr. Archie found subterranean termites, drywood termites, and

fungus/dryrot in the house. His recommendations included chemically treating infestations, replacing damaged wood, application of low pressure spot spray, scraping and chemically treating fungus, and patching surface damage for a total cost of \$1,175.

- 109. The homeowner agreed to and did pay Rose Termite, Inc. \$1,175 to eliminate the wood destroying termites and fungi by taking the steps recommended in Mr. Archie's inspection report.
- 110. In mid-December 2014, Rose Termite, Inc. and Mr. Archie issued a Standard Notice of Work Completed and Not Completed (Completion Notice) for the Alexander Avenue property certifying their work had been done and the property was "now free of evidence of active infestation or infection in the visible and accessible areas."
- 111. On December 31, 2014, before the close of escrow on the West Alexander Avenue house, the new homeowners and their real estate agent walked-through the property and discovered that none of the work Rose Termite, Inc. purported to have done had been completed.
- 112. When the real estate agent complained to Rose Termite, Inc., they sent an unlicensed worker to the house. This worker tried to complete the work, but did not finish.
- 113. In January 2015, a Board specialist inspected the house and found it still had termites, fungus and decay fungi damage. He also confirmed that there was little evidence of work performed by Rose Termite, Inc. Among the problems he identified were:
 - a. Subterranean termite infestations;
- b. Drywood termite infestations at the kitchen wall voids, rear kitchen door, driveway abutment, garage porch wall, substructure rim joist, mudsill, and floor below the kitchen, including infestations in areas that were physically inaccessible for local chemical treatments;
 - c. Fungus and decay fungi damage at the home's eaves, rafter tails, and fascia;
 - d. Cellulose debris, form boards and form stakes in the substructure area; and
 - e. No completion tag posted.
- 114. In January 2015, the Board's specialist prepared a Report of Findings identifying 14 violations for Rose Termite, Inc.'s work at the West Alexander Avenue property. The Board staff sent the report to Rose Termite, Inc., Mr. Archie, and Mr. Romero, Rose Termite, Inc.'s new qualifying manager.

115. In late January 2015, a Board specialist met to discuss the Report of Findings for the West Alexander Avenue property with Mr. Romero, the qualifying manager. At that meeting, a man named Alonzo Sillas claimed to be Rose Termite, Inc.'s general manager. Mr. Sillas claimed that the Board specialist was making things up and trying to make him and Rose Termite, Inc. look bad.

- 116. Alonzo Sillas's involvement with Rose Termite, Inc. was unusual, since he was not listed among the company's employees, officers, or directors. Moreover, in January 15, 2015, Mr. Sillas was subject to a Board order prohibiting him from serving as an officer, director, associate, partner, qualifying manager, or branch office manager of any company registered with the Board or from having any legal or beneficial interest in any company registered by the Board other than a company named Foxx Termite, Inc. which holds Company Registration Certificate No. PR 6265.
- 117. Mr. Sillas was the President of Foxx Termite, Inc., which was disciplined by the Board, effective August 15, 2014, for, among other things, failing to complete structural pest control work, failing to comply with the Board's Reports of Findings and abatement orders, making inadequate and improper reports, and failing to supervise their employees. Notably, Mr. Sillas was also disciplined for representing himself as "Chris" when his first name was actually "Alonzo."
- 118. After the January 2015 meeting, Mr. Romero promptly resigned as Rose Termite,
 Inc.'s qualifying manager, and told the specialist Mr. Sillas had duped him. Mr. Romero
 admitted that he did not supervise the inspection or purported completion of the work on the West
 Alexander Avenue property.
- 119. Following Mr. Romero's resignation, the Board suspended Rose Termite, Inc.'s registration for failing to have a qualifying manager.
- 120. In February and March 2015, another licensed contractor completed an inspection and treatment of the termite and fungi infestations at the West Alexander Avenue property. They charged the new homeowners \$2,854 to complete the work.

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TWENTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlicensed Practice)

(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Donald Lynn Archie II)

- 121. Respondents Rose Termite, Inc. and Donald Lynn Archie II are subject to disciplinary action under section 8550 because they engaged in the unlicensed practice of structural pest control by inspecting and making recommendations concerning the need for structural pest control work and making evaluations for job costs at the West Alexander Avenue property on December 2, 2015, when Rose Termite, Inc.'s license was still suspended at that time.
 - 122. Complainant realleges paragraphs 101 to 120 and their subparagraphs.

TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Donald Lynn Archie II)

- 123. Respondents Rose Termite, Inc. and Donald Lynn Archie II are subject to disciplinary action under section 8642 for fraud for representing and certifying in a completion notice that they had completed work on the West Alexander Avenue property, when, in fact, they had not done that work.
 - 124. Complainant realleges paragraphs 101 to 120 and their subparagraphs.
- 125. Respondents knew the assertion that they had completed the work on the West Alexander Avenue property was false, and they intended to deceive the homeowners in order to receive payment for this work.
- 126. The homeowner's relied on this false representation in paying Rose Termite, Inc. \$1,175 for work never done.

TWENTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Misrepresentation After Inspection)

(Against Rose Termite, Inc. and Donald Lynn Archie II)

127. Respondents Rose Termite, Inc. and Donald Lynn Archie II are subject to disciplinary action under section 8644 for fraud or misrepresentation after inspection for claiming to have

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TWENTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Pay Fine and Comply with Abatement Order)

(Against Donald Lyn Archie II)

- 135. Respondent Donald Lynn Archie II is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 125.9(b)(5) and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1920(d) for failing to comply with a Board citation.
- 136. On or about March 25, 2014, in a prior action, the Structural Pest Control Board issued Citation Number CF 2014 97 to Donald Archie, which ordered him to pay a \$700 fine and to comply with an abatement order that required him to take 7 hours of coursework on the Board's rules and regulations, 2 hours of general coursework, and 2 hours of coursework in Integrated Pest Management. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- 137. Mr. Archie never complied with that citation: he did not pay the \$700 fine or take the coursework.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Structural Pest Control Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Company Registration No. PR 6992, issued to Rose Termite, Inc.:
- 2. Revoking or suspending Operator's License No. OPR 11121, issued to Bill Gerard Marsh;
- 3. Revoking or suspending Operator License No. OPR 12462, issued to Juan Noe Romero;
- 4. Revoking or suspending Field Representative Number FR 36431, issued to Donald Lynn Archie II;
- 5. Under section 8624, if Operator License No. OPR 11121, issued to Bill Gerard Marsh is suspended or revoked, the Board may suspend or revoke the registration of any branch office for which Mr. Marsh is serving as qualifier;